IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Parviz Tayebati et al.

Serial No.: 09/281,406 Filed: 03/30/99

For: OPTICAL SWITCHING AND ATTENUATION

SYSTEMS AND METHODS THEREFOR

Group Art Unit: 2872
Examiner: J. Phan
Attorney's Docket No.: CORE-4147

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231



Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicants hereby petition for a two (2) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Official Action mailed June 14, 2000 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from July 14, 2000 to September 14, 2000.

A check in the amount of \$380.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of Large Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

Thank you.

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